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For: **A Method of Detecting Nucleic Acids**

AMENDMENT AND PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

In care of Linda Wilson, Crystal Park 3, Suite 920; for Group Director John Doll
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b) for the acceptance of the following amendments. Our check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the petition. We believe no other fees are required to make this amendment complete. Should other fees be required for any reason, we authorize the Commissioner to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Please delete Figures 2 and 3 in their entirety.

Please amend Figure 4 as highlighted on the attached sheet.

In the Specification:

Page 8, lines 14-17: Delete "Fig. 2 illustrates the proper function of a VLSIPS™ Technology nucleotide synthesis. Fig. 3 illustrates the proper function of a VLSIPS™ Technology nucleotide synthesis."

Page 8, line 18: Delete "Fig. 4" and insert "Fig. 2".

Page 42, line 35: Delete "Figure 4" and insert "Figure 2".

Page 90, line 5: Delete "Figure 4" and insert "Figure 2".

Page 107, line 2: Delete "Fig. 4" and insert "Fig. 2".

Page 108, line 1: Delete "Fig. 4A" and insert "Fig. 2A".

Page 108, line 4: Delete "Fig. 4B" and insert "Fig. 2B".

Page 108, line 7: Delete "Fig. 4C" and insert "Fig. 2C".

Page 108, line 11: Delete "Fig. 4D" and insert "Fig. 2D".

Page 108, line 14: Delete "Fig. 4E" and insert "Fig. 2E".

Page 108, line 16: Delete "Fig. 4M" and insert "Fig. 2M".

REMARKS

The claims in the above mentioned application have been allowed, formal drawings have been filed, and an issue fee has been paid. However, the originally filed formal drawings, which included photos representing Figures 2 and 3, have been lost in the PTO. Therefore, in order to expedite the issuance of the patent in the above mentioned application, the Applicants request the deletion of the lost Figures 2 and 3 and the further renumbering of Figure 4 as new Figure 2. Additionally, the specification has been amended to reflect the deletion of Figures 2 and 3 and the renumbering of Figure 4 as Figure 2. As a courtesy, the originally filed formal drawing of Figure 1 has been enclosed to provide a complete set of the formal drawings for the above mentioned application. The complete set of formal drawings as amended comprises Figures 1 and 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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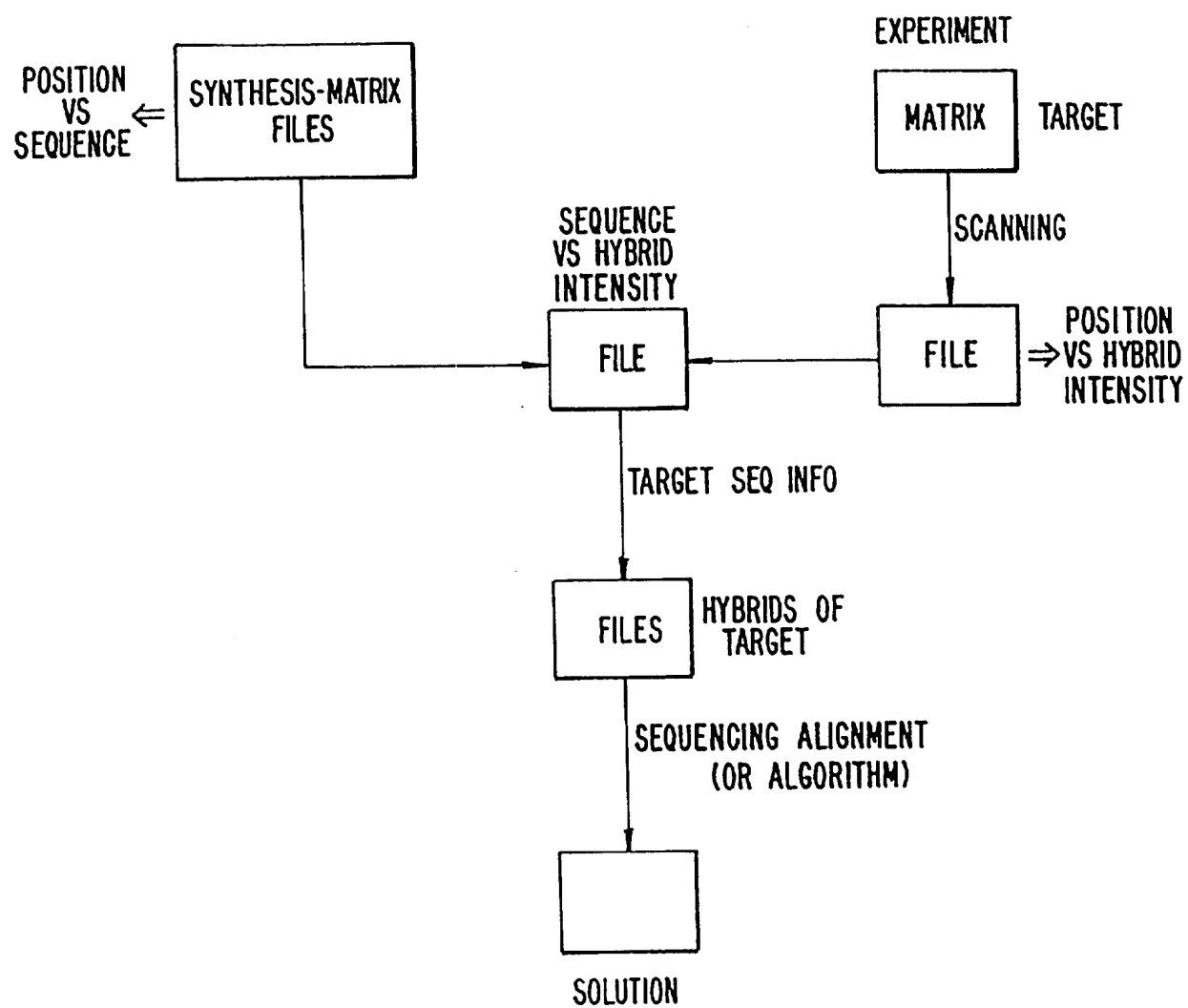


FIG. 1.

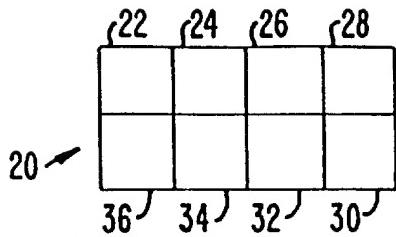


FIG. 2A.

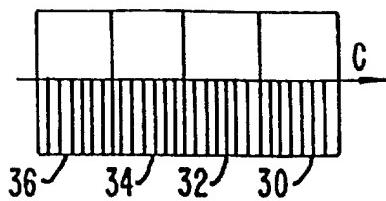


FIG. 2B.

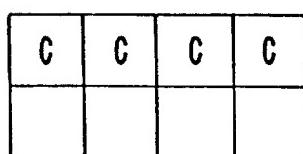


FIG. 2C.

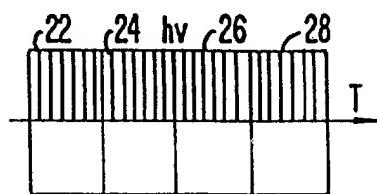


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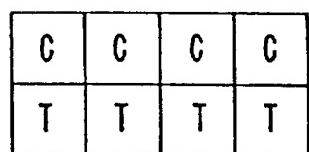


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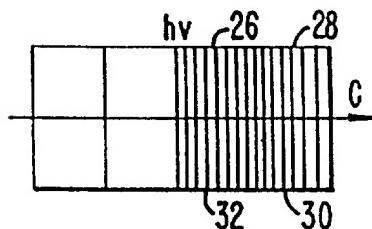


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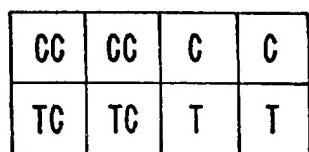


FIG. 2G.

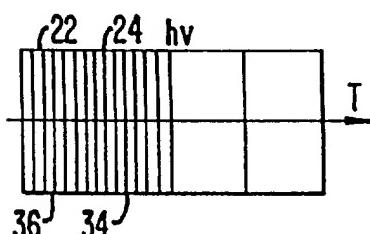


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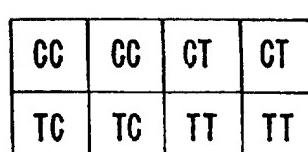


FIG. 2I.

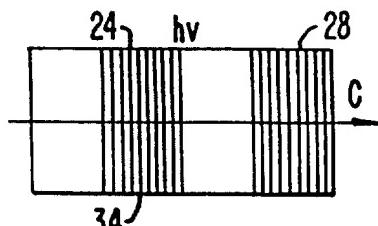


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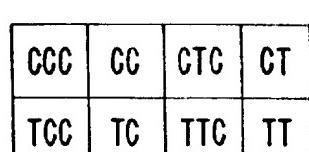


FIG. 2K.

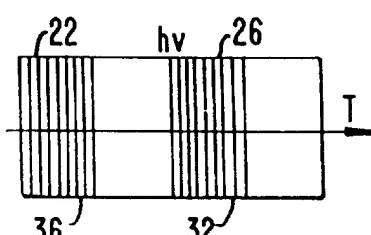


FIG. 2L.

CCC	CCT	CTC	CTT
TCC	TCT	TTC	TTT

FIG. 2M.